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SUBJ: PARIS INDOCHINA AID DONORS MEETING

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1. SUMMARY: FINNS, AS WELL AS DANES, NORWEGIANS AND SWEDES WILL PROBABLY ATTEND PARIS INDOCHINA DONORS MEETING. FINNISH ATTITUDE ON FORMATION OF SUB-GROUPS WILL PROBABLY BE NEGATIVE. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, FINNISH THINKING HAS BEEN CLOSE TO THAT OF SWEDES ON THIS QUESTION AND FINNS DO NOT SEEM TO THINK THAT BASIC SITUATION IN INDOCHINA HAS CHANGED GREATLY.

2. REPRESENTATIONS MADE OCTOBER 11 AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, PARTICULARLY PARA 10, TO MR. MAUNO CASTREN, DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (AMBASSADOR AKE WIHTOL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE). CASTREN SAID THAT

FAIRLY FIRM DECISION HAD BEEN MADE FOR WIHTOL TO ATTEND PARIS MEETING AND THAT HE BELIEVED DANES, NORWEGIANS AND SWEDES WOULD ALSO SEND REPRESENTATIVES.

3. HE SAID FINNS STILL HAD NO INTENTION OF JOINING ANY INDOCHINA DONOR GROUP AND FINNISH AID TO SVN OR LAOS WAS NOT CONTEMPLATED. HE PUURPORTED NOT TO KNOW WHETHER FINNS WOULD OPPOSE FORMATION OF SUB-GROUPS, INFORMAL OR OTHERWISE. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR THEN SAID THAT USG WOULD PREFER NON-ATTENDANCE BY FINLAND IF IT WOULD AT PARIS OPPOSE EVEN COMPROMISE OUTCOME WHICH US WILLING TO ACCEPT, POINTING OUT DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING CONFRONTATION WITH US OVER QUESTION PROBABLY NOT OF MAJOR INTEREST TO FINLAND. CASTREN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD US POSITION ON FINNISH ATTENDANCE AT PARIS MEETING AND SAID HE APPRECIATED FACT THAT IT WAS BEING EXPRESSED SO DIRECTLY, WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT FINNS WILL PROBABLY OPPOSE FORMATION OF DONORS SUB-GROUPS AND IN ANY CASE WILL NOT WISH TO BE ODD MAN OUT IF OTHER NORDICS TAKE THIS POSITION.
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